

# WHAT WE DO

## AIR FORCE ACADEMY FIRE DEPARTMENT

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- Fire Department Services

The Air Force Academy Fire Department currently provides the following services to our community:

- \* **Fire Suppression**

Fire suppression activities include:

- \* Rescue Services – Focused on saving lives, accomplished with a thorough search of the involved structure.
- \* Fire Control and Extinguishment - Involves the placement of hose lines and the process of securing an adequate water supply.
- \* Property Conservation - Accomplished by protecting exposures and performing salvage activities to the involved structure and protecting the personal belongings of the occupants.

- \* **Emergency Medical Services**

These services are divided into two basic areas:

- \* Advance Life Support (ALS) - Required for more serious cases, when cardiac monitoring is needed. (heart attacks, major trauma)
- \* Basic Life Support (BLS) - When basic bandaging, splinting, or immobilization is needed. (fractures, lacerations, minor trauma)

- \* **Prevention Services**

These services are critical and include:

- \* Pre-incident plans - Approving pre-plans of new buildings and providing technical review assistance
- \* Fire Inspections - Conducting fire safety assessments
- \* Hazardous Materials - Planning the hazardous materials program and conducting hazardous materials inspections
- \* Investigations - Investigating the causes of fires
- \* Fire Code - Responding to fire code related citizen and staff requests and conducting fire code training for line personnel
- \* Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies targeting wild fire prevention activities

- \* **Public Education**

These important activities include:

- \* Discussions - Fire prevention and safety briefings to educate the community
- \* Tours - Tours of the fire stations are available to interested citizens to include our annual Open House
- \* Demonstrations - Demonstrations of fire fighting activities are conducted many times during the year
- \* Public Safety Awareness Campaign - A program to educate the public in overall safety through the media and in the schools

- \* **Special Operations**

Special Operations falls into two categories, hazardous materials and technical rescue;

- \* Hazardous Materials Response - Training in hazardous materials response includes:

- Identification of the materials in question
- Rescue of threatened individuals
- Confinement of materials
- Overall safety of the scene

- \* Technical Rescue - Training in technical rescue techniques includes:

- Confined space rescues
- Below grade rope rescues
- High angle rope rescues.
- Dive rescue

- \* **Miscellaneous Services**

Every day, the department responds to numerous other community needs, including:

- \* Rescue of children or pets locked in vehicles
- \* Assisting police with lost person searches
- \* Property damage reduction from unforeseen circumstances
- \* Mutual aid calls to other jurisdictions
- \* Wildland fire fighting activities
- \* Fire watch and EMS standby at special events
- \* Community Support Services
- \* Provides aid to citizens during utility disruptions/flooding

- The Academy Fire Department realizes that our first priority is to respond to the citizens of our community during emergency situations. We also know that our role of providing support to our citizens does not stop when the fire is out, or the patient is transported. As an organization, we have a positive impact on the community by being involved in many different ways.